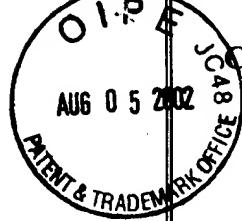


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: BOX RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231 (Revised 10/2001)	Application Number 09/478,567	
	Filing Date January 6, 2000	RECEIVED
	First Named Inventor: Rao	AUG 09 2002
	Art Unit: 1652	TECH CENTER 1600/2900
	Examiner Name: K. Kerr	
Attorney Docket No. 035718/193734		

This is a request for **Continued Examination (RCE)** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
 - iv. Other: Request for Transfer of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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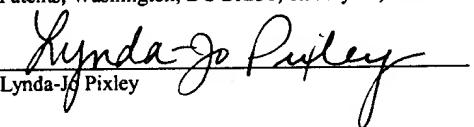
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- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
(\$740.00 large entity; \$370.00 small entity)
 - ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed

Respectfully submitted,



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<p>Customer No. 00826 ALSTON & BIRD LLP Bank of America Plaza 101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000 Charlotte, NC 28280-4000 Tel Raleigh Office (919) 862-2200 Fax Raleigh Office (919) 862-2260</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box RCE, Commissioner For Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on July 30, 2002.</p>  <p>Lynda-Jo Pixley</p>
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